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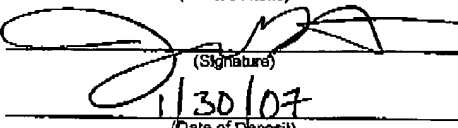
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

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Sir:

In accordance to 37 C.F.R. § 1.133, submitted herewith is a record of the substance of the interview on January 16, 2007, between Examiner S. Castellano and Applicant's representative, regarding the above-captioned application. This statement is being submitted within one (1) month of the mailing date of January 24, 2007, of the Interview Summary and is therefore a timely response.

During the interview, the Examiner reasserted that the Seitz reference and the Henne reference disclose a "deflectable member ... configured to absorb relative compression movement...." Specifically, the Examiner asserted that the bushing 23 of Seitz and the bushing 66 of Henne would absorb compression movement.

Applicant's representative argued that neither Seitz nor Henne teach or suggest a deflectable member configured to absorb relative compression movement and that the bushings

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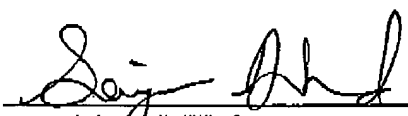
of Seitz and Henne are merely provided to retain the latch pin. There is no teaching in either Seitz or Henne for absorption of such compression movement.

No agreement was reached during the interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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